

To learn more about the Kinship  
Permanency Incentive (KPI) in  
Lucas County, call  
**419-213-3275**



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## *A Message from the Executive Director*



Children need and deserve permanence. To deny children a permanent family is to rob them of their childhood. Kids need to know that they have a permanent family, that they have a forever home. Without per-

manence, children have a difficult time feeling secure and confident in themselves and their future.

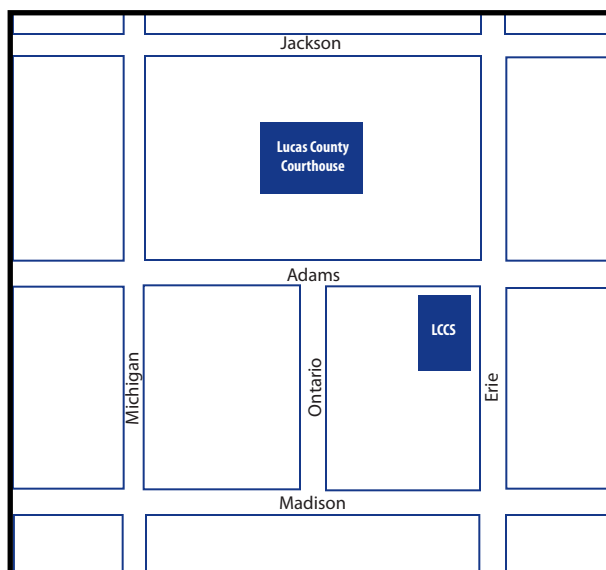
To kinship caregivers, I want to say "thank you" for your commitment to the children you have welcomed into your home. The benefits of a safe, loving, permanent home will last them a lifetime.

*Dean Sparks, Executive Director  
Lucas County Children Services*



# Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI)

Lucas County Children Services  
705 Adams Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604



## **What is the Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI)?**

KPI is financial support for minor children in the legal and physical custody of grandparents, relatives, or other “kinship caregivers.” KPI was created to help families care for their relative children.

## **Who is eligible?**

At this time the KPI benefit is only for children who were placed in the legal custody of a relative on or after July 1, 2005.

## **What is a kinship caregiver?**

Generally, kinship caregivers are grandparents, aunts, uncles and other relatives who are caring for children who are related to them. However, non-relative adults may also qualify as kinship caregivers if they have a longstanding relationship or bond with the child or family.

## **Is my family income considered?**

Yes. The KPI is only for families whose household income is no more than 300 percent of the federal poverty guideline.

## **If I receive Ohio Works First assistance, am I still eligible for the KPI?**

Yes. KPI payments are in addition to Ohio Works First assistance, so provided you meet the rest of the requirements, you would also receive the KPI.

## **Other Community Support is Available...**

### ***The Early Learning Initiative***

This is a preschool early childhood education program administered by the Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services. It is free to all 3, 4 and 5-year-olds who receive child-only cash assistance.

Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services  
3210 Monroe Street  
Toledo, OH 43699-0007  
Phone 419-213-8999  
Fax 419-213-8820

### ***Ohio Works First (OWF)***

OWF provides cash assistance for eligible families. Call the Lucas County Department of Job & Family Services and ask for information about Ohio Works First cash assistance.

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3210 Monroe Street  
Toledo, OH 43699-0007  
Phone 419-213-8999  
Fax 419-213-8820

### ***Kinship Navigator***

This program can connect you with other community services available to you and your relative child. Kinship Navigator is operated by the Area Office on Aging.

Kinship Navigator  
(Area Office on Aging of Northwestern Ohio)  
2155 Arlington Ave.  
Toledo, OH 43609  
Phone 419-382-7060  
Fax 419-382-7099

## **To Qualify for the Kinship Permanency Incentive (KPI), all of the following must be true:**

- *A judge awarded legal custody of the child/children to you on or after July 1, 2005.*
- *Your income is not higher than 300% of the federal poverty guideline.*
- *Lucas County Children Services has approved your home as a kinship placement.*